

LOCAL

The response to our appeal to delinquent subscribers last week has been most liberal. There are a number yet however who must give the matter prompt attention, if they desire to remain on The True Northerner's subscription list. This is not a rule promulgated by publishers, it is a Government War Order. All papers mailed after October 1st, will be to PAID IN ADVANCE subscribers. We hope the government order will not cause us the loss of a single subscriber; but it is a matter over which we have no control. In other words, it is up to you. The time is short. Won't the few remaining delinquent subscribers please act promptly.

R. M. Bangs will move from the Bangs farm to the village.

Attention is called to the auction "ad" of Roy Reynolds in this issue.

Mrs. Clara Bale was a week end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hale Thornton of Porter.

Miss Lillian DeTurk of Chicago is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Tellam, east of town.

J. L. Shepard of Painesville, Ohio has been a guest at the home of his nephew, L. E. Shepard.

The Paw Paw Savings Bank carry a full page of Liberty Loan advertising on page four of this issue.

Mrs. G. A. Cross of Lawrence spent part of the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. N. Wakeman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. DeVall who have sold their Paw Paw home will move to Kalamazoo where Mr. DeVall will engage in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grasshorn are in receipt of a piece of a German Air Plane sent to them in a letter by their son from France.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Darby and baby of Valparaiso, Indiana are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Herbert Geddes.

L. E. Shepard and uncle J. L. Shepard, Charles Sheldon and Charles Morrison motored to Camp Custer last Monday for the day.

School opened in the Richmond school east of town last Monday with Miss Etile Burns, a graduate of the Paw Paw schools as teacher.

Mrs. C. M. Allen and little Darrel of Glendale visited her mother, Mrs. Rena Beach last week. Mrs. Beach and children accompanied them home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCon have sold their Lawrence farm property, purchased the DeVall home in Paw Paw and will make this village their future home. They will be welcomed to this community.

The E. J. Harrington home was the scene of a real family reunion last Sunday. Hale came home from Ann Arbor, where he is in training for military service and Jay and Kike came down from Sparta to spend the day. Mrs. Harrington, Miss Nellie and Ruth completed the family circle.

A card received from Marshall Mackey states that he is now in a military training camp at Hancock, Georgia. He has sacrificed a position as Michigan Sales manager of the Oakland Motor Company of Pontiac, to join the colors. He was a South Haven boy and resided there until quite recently. At one time he was a member of Troop A of that city.

The following Van Buren county boys have been inducted into military service and left for Camp Custer on Tuesday morning—William Killefer Jr. and Maurice White, Paw Paw; Torrey A. Dillenbeck and Charles Henry Greve, Lawrence; Bert A. Gettiss, South Haven; Clara Gustin, Clair Shaffer and Zell Olds, Hartford; John Vitek, Ira J. Webster, Covert; Grover Howard Hutchins, Gobleville; Arthur Charles Kalhorn, So. Haven; Halfdan Gotfrid Olson, Indiana Harbor; Charles Henry Stuckum, Bangor.

Lydia Ann Nichols died at her home in this village last Sunday night of heart trouble. She has been in usual health until Saturday prior to her death. She was born in Farm Land Indiana, and came to Arlington township, this county, when five years of age. She was past fifty-nine years of age and had been a resident of this village for forty-one years, thirty-eight years ago she moved in the home where she died. She leaves one daughter, Nettie, to mourn her death. The funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman officiating. Burial was in Prospect cemetery.

Robert Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin of Lawrence arrived home from France last Tuesday. "Bob" enlisted in Troop A, and was among the first to go Across. He has been in the thick of the heavy fighting on the western front, and is one of some two hundred soldiers sent home to assist in training the new armies at the various cantonments. He was given a reception by the home folks in Lawrence that will not soon be forgotten. Every bell in the village was rung, whistles were blown, and every automobile horn in the community joined in the welcome to the returned hero of the world war.

Attention is called to the patriotic page "ad" of John W. Free and Co., bankers on page two of this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and A. T. Foote were Sunday dinner guests at the Roy Mosier home, east of town.

Advertised Letters—Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. John Brown, A. N. Gilbert, O. H. Jackson, Miss Eleanor Krenholz, Mrs. Isaac Roberts, Miss May Cole.

Mrs. Harry Row and children and Mrs. Verne Munger and daughter of Benton Harbor were week end visitors at the Eugene Hoppe home, south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dunbar have moved to Kalamazoo, where they expect to make a permanent home. The best wishes of a host of Paw Paw friends accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jepheth and children, Helen and Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Falor and children, Edith and Edwin of South Haven, spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. Wm. E. Cutler and family.

Miss Marie Overacker became the bride of Maurice White last Monday evening. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage in the village of Lawton. Mr. White left early Tuesday morning to join Uncle Sam's fighting forces at Camp Custer.

Paw Paw people will be pleased to learn that Rev. Arthur, Trott and family are to be residents of Paw Paw for at least another year. The Michigan Annual Methodist conference, from which Mr. Trott returned the first of the week, returned him to the Paw Paw field for another year. It will be interesting to readers of The True Northerner to know where some of the former pastors of the M. E. church of this place are now located. Rev. W. F. Emory is assigned to the Epworth church in Grand Rapids; Rev. A. W. Mumford goes to Shelby; Rev. Mr. Carman is still on the farm, and Rev. A. T. Luther is doing hospital work in the Lincoln Hospital at Rochelle, Illinois.

B. E. Cline and family left Monday for their new home in Mt. Solon, Virginia, where Emmett will again become a real honest to goodness farmer. After getting the family located, he expects to return to Paw Paw and resume his duties in the post office during the winter months. Mr. Cline has been an efficient clerk in the local office during the past six years, and will be missed by the patrons of the office and by his fellow workers. The family have been active in church activities, and their decision to leave this community is regretted. The best wishes of a large circle of loyal home friends go with this estimable family to their southern home. They are making the seven hundred mile trip via auto, and have promised their friends an account of the journey through the columns of The True Northerner.

The Paw Paw schools are now thoroughly organized and actively engaged in Junior Red Cross work. Miss Grace Marshall of the Domestic Science department is general supervisor, and each teacher is a subordinate supervisor to look after the work in their own particular grade. Monday and Friday afternoons of each week from three to four are devoted to Red Cross work. The pupils are now working on Bright Colored Hospital bags, and when the requisite amount of proficiency is acquired, they will be put on garment work. A "Pit Basket" has been placed in the school, where pupils may deposit peach and plum pits. These pits, as has already been explained, are used to make carbon which is required in the manufacture of gas masks for the soldiers. Mrs. Hattie Burhans, county chairman of the Junior Red Cross, announces that many schools in the county are now organized and engaged in this work. The schools will make a display at the County Fair and the sum of \$50.00 will be distributed among the competing schools. The first prize will be \$5.00, and the balance will be divided so that each school will receive some share of the prize money.

Just as we went to press last week an individual came into the office and requested the publication of a short notice of his wife's death. He was apparently bowed down with grief, and with tears in his eyes, stated that his beloved wife, Anna Waymire had departed this life, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her demise. The death notice appeared as related, and on Friday morning another individual of the feminine gender dashed into the office, a copy of The True Northerner in her hand and with blood in her eye, demanded an audience with the editor himself. That meek individual was cornered at his desk and there was no escape. In vociferous language and with wild gesticulations, the visitor demanded to know by what authority her obituary had been published. With a quaking voice and in subdued tones, the editor related the circumstances and gave the source of his information. In explanation of Mr. Waymire's deep sorrow and tear stained face, his beloved spouse stated that she had that very morning threatened to "smash a chair over his head." The explanation was satisfactory, and the editor felt extremely fortunate because of the fact that Mrs. Waymire had provided vocal evidence that she was still among the living, instead of resorting to a physical demonstration. But she is certainly alive. The question now is, why the obituary? Can you beat it.

The Volunteer Plan

has been adopted in Van Buren County for the sale of Liberty Bonds—Fourth Liberty Loan. The volunteer days designated are

September 28, 29 and 30

Every bank in the county and such other places as are designated by the Local Committee will be open on these days to receive applications. To every purchaser of bonds on these days who subscribes for his or her full share of bonds will be given a badge on which will be printed

"Volunteer Subscriber

I Have My 'V' Where is Yours?"

The banks will loan to purchasers for six months at five per cent after the initial payment of ten per cent is made.

Badges given only when you buy your full share or more

This is Your War and Your Country.

If you want to win it and save it, it is up to you to get busy while the going is good.

Don't forget to get your badge on September 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Thos. J. Cavanaugh, Chairman
Mrs. S. H. Wilson, Vice Chairman.

The number of deaths in Michigan during the month of July as reported to the Secretary of State was 3,194. The number of births in the state during the same period of time was 7,746.

The dates set for the Van Buren County Fair at Hartford are fast approaching. October 1, 2, 3, and 4, are the dates and everything is "All Set" and in readiness. Preliminary activities would indicate that the County Fair this year will be bigger and better than in years gone by. Advertising space in this issue gives some idea of the details of the annual event. Look it over carefully.

Every effort is being put forth by the Faculty at the Western State Normal in Kalamazoo to make the Students Army Training Corps at this school particularly attractive to young men. All the athletic activities are to be continued under the direction of Coach W. H. Spaulding and Lawrence Taylor. Full particulars regarding the merits of this course of military training at the Normal are contained in advertising space in this issue. It is to the interest to every young man of military age to consider this proposition most seriously.

Twenty-two residents of the Plover School district gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Loveland last week Wednesday evening for a farewell surprise for Charles Greve, who was about to enter the service of his country. It was a complete surprise, and the enjoyment of the occasion will be a pleasant memory to cheer the guest of honor on his way in his fight for world wide freedom and democracy. The boys of the district presented Charles with a carton of "Smokes", and with it went the best wishes and constant thought of the entire community.

Paw Paw friends were shocked and grieved to learn that Mrs. Wells G. Brown had passed away. She died early Tuesday morning, after many months of continued ill health. Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited Paw Paw friends last February, and at that time she was considerably better and hopeful of a complete restoration to health. Mrs. Brown's maiden name was Cora Coddington and Bangor was her home. After her marriage to Wells G. Brown they came to Paw Paw which was their home until Wells became deputy to Mr. Wilkey in the State Land office when they moved to Lansing, some eighteen years ago, and that city has since been their home. The death of their only child, Wells Jr. some ten years ago, was a great sorrow to the parents and it is probable that Mrs. Brown never fully recovered from it. She was a grand woman, highly respected and esteemed by every acquaintance wherever she had ever lived, and her passing is sincerely mourned. The funeral was held in the city of Lansing on Wednesday, and interment was in the family lot at Breedsville on Thursday. The hearts of Paw Paw friends go out in deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband in the loss of his devoted companion.

Capt. O. W. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hurlbut and Rev. I. P. Bates were in Lawrence Tuesday to attend the annual reunion of Company C, Third Michigan Cavalry. The remnant of this once fine company of soldiers is growing fewer and fewer every year, and there is but a handful left; but they look forward with keen anticipation to the annual meetings when those stirring times of Civil War days may be lived over again.

One of the finest feature films ever produced will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre Saturday and Sunday nights, September 21 and 22. "Hearts of the World" is the feature which contains thirteen reels and requires over three hours to run. This is the same feature that was shown at the Fuller theatre in Kalamazoo some weeks ago, and which created a sensation even greater than was created by the great feature, "The Birth of a Nation". Matinees will be given both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and seats are now being reserved for all four shows.

The War Department estimated that the recent draft registration in Van Buren county would total 2853, whereas the actual registration was 3290, an excess of 338 over the government estimate. The registration by precinct, and the names of registrars who served without pay are as follows: Almena—Registration, 77; registrars, L. H. Bolinger, B. W. Tracy. Antwerp—242; O. B. Wheeler, James Pollock, F. R. Gibson, L. A. Packer, Sheldon Coleman, I. F. Boyer, B. B. Burlington.

Arlington—160; C. J. Palmer, H. F. Crawford, Murray A. Monroe, Lynn J. Lewis. Bangor—242; Frank A. Burger, C. B. Charles, Charles E. Cross, M. F. Russell, F. H. Overton. Bloomingdale—195; Adelbert Lober, William Miller, Wm. G. Adams, Emerson D. Spayde. Columbia—159; Andrew Gaynor, M. W. Whitney, H. H. Sibole, Charles G. Chamberlain. Covert—121; L. A. Watson, Henry LeMoyné Snyder. Decatur—239; E. H. Squier, R. S. McGowan, Earl E. Copley, Hugh A. Creswell, L. E. Van Antwerp, George T. Pomeroy. Geneva—158; Frank Galbrath, W. A. Knoekennus, Charles A. Simpson. Hamilton—89; W. O. Bowers, Guy Collins.

Hartford—236; Stephen A. Doyle, Harry Hough, Eugene B. Bennett, Edward G. Hickey, John McLean. Keeler—112; George Heagy, Harvey Babcock, Frank Dyer. Lawrence—175; Owen W. Long, C. M. Jennings. Paw Paw—272; Roy L. Tuttle, H. D. Spicer, Frank V. Hodges. Pine Grove—137; Harvey Slonaker, John N. Waber, E. L. Woodhams. Porter—110; Homer Turner, George B. Spencer, Charles S. Mooney. South Haven Twp.—114; C. F. Brown, Sidney A. Clemons. South Haven City—352; Chandler Ekenburg, James E. Chandler, J. C. Manning, T. P. McKimmie, M. B. Shur, M. E. Pearman, E. I. Hewson, W. C. Spencer. Waverly—100; E. A. Chase, Roger Scamehorn.

Miss Marian Mutchler spent the week end with relatives in Allegan.

Mrs. Mary Hooper of Decatur was a guest at the H. A. Cole home Tuesday.

Mrs. Jay Trescott of Hammond, Indiana has been the guest of Paw Paw relatives and friends this week.

Perry Yeider has moved to Mattawan where he will have employment in the Grape Juice Factory at that place.

Frank L. Miller was in Lansing the first of the week on business in the interest of the Paw Paw Grape Juice Company.

Scott Hall who recently sold his Almena home has moved to Mattawan to be with his daughter who is teaching there.

Miss Josie Van Auken has returned from a trip to Grand Haven and Muskegon, where she enjoyed a fine visit with old friends.

There will be regular services in the Baptist church next Sunday at the usual hour. Preaching, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor.

"Hearts of the World," Griffiths latest and best production, will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre on Saturday and Sunday. Don't miss it.

Andrew Lang is taking a vacation after the strenuous labors of the recent campaign and started Wednesday morning to pick grapes in Dwight Barker's vineyard near Lawton.

Evangelist Forsythe will address the Men's League of Paw Paw next Sunday evening. Mr. Forsythe is a speaker of considerable note and a treat is in store for the Sunday night audience.

Several letters recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kline from their son Claude, state that he is yet "Somewhere in England" but expects soon to be in the fighting at the front. He had a fine trip across and is feeling fine.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mitchelson of Paw Paw and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maak of Bangor recently returned from an auto trip to Northern Michigan, visiting their sister, Mrs. W. F. Gibbs and other former Paw Paw friends. They report a good time, and state that Crops are looking fine.

There will be a Liberty Loan meeting at the Richmond school house, District No. 5 next Sunday, September 22nd, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. A good speaker will be present to explain the plan for the Voluntary Subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan. It is the duty of every one in the district to be at this meeting.

An opinion filed this week in the case of The John W. Free Co Bank vs. The Paw Paw Savings Bank decided the case in favor of the Savings Bank. It was tried during the last session of the Circuit Court, and Mr. Free stated to the True Northerner that the decision of the lower court, will immediately be appealed to the Supreme Court of the state.

Grape Harvest in this section started last Monday. The grapes are of fine quality, but the crop is light, and it is quite probable that a large percentage of the crop in this belt will be utilized by the Grape Juice factories. The local factory will start business next Monday. A large acreage is contracted and it is anticipated the output this season will at least equal the amount of juice bottled in previous years.

John Woodman narrowly escaped a serious accident last week. He was plowing with his tractor, when the machine tipped over and pinned him to the ground. It was some time before he could be extricated, but he escaped with only slight bruises and was on the job again next day. This is only one of a number of similar accidents in the state, whereby drivers have been seriously injured and some of them killed.

The boches have won another famous victory, by sinking the Galloway Castle, the barbarians succeeded in drowning another lot of women and babies. Let the Beast of Berlin address another manifesto to his half starved people proclaiming the success attending "Me und Gott" in teaching German "Kultur" to a war stricken world. Possibly he may proclaim a day of rejoicing over the success of his ocean pirates and the valor of his valiant submarine butchers. But let him be sure that a day of reckoning for the murders he has caused is sure coming. "The mills of the Gods grind slow, but they grind exceeding fine."

Some of the letters received from the soldier boys in England, are written on stationery with the British Coat of Arms, under which is embossed "Windsor Castle," and on one side of the sheet appears the following message signed by His Majesty, King George. "Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom. The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God Speed on your mission." Among those to receive letters written on this stationery are C. W. Reynolds from his son Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond from their son John.

The Fourth Liberty Loan Drive will start out with a wonderful spirit of patriotic enthusiasm, if the county meeting at the Opera House last Tuesday can be taken as a criterion. Members of the Liberty Loan and War Board committees were present from every nook and corner of the county and they came for business—real war business. The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock by county chairman T. J. Cavanaugh, who called R. W. Boyle of Grand Rapids to explain the provisions of the loan and the "Volunteer Plan." In the afternoon, A. P. Johnson, editor of the Grand Rapids News delivered one of the most scholarly and intensely interesting addresses ever made in Paw Paw. Pupils of the school from the seventh to twelfth grades inclusive together with their teachers were present for the afternoon address, and the speaker lauded the spirit which was responsible for their presence. It is to be regretted that every person in the entire county could not have had the opportunity to listen to this masterful address. Attorney James E. Chandler of South Haven contributed to the patriotic spirit of the day, with a short talk, which was brimful of war time loyalty. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with the preliminary details of the loan, the exact amount of which has not yet been settled. It is probable that the total amount of the loan will approximate six billion dollars, which will be the largest loan ever asked by any government of any people. It was decided to adopt the "Volunteer Plan" which in substance is as follows:—The loan opens Saturday, September 28th, and the first three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be "Volunteer Days", when all the banks in the county, and such other places as shall be designated by the committees will be open to receive voluntary loan subscriptions. Those who voluntarily subscribe for their full share of bonds will be given an honor badge on which will be inscribed, "Volunteer Subscription. I have my V, where is yours?" The thought dominating the volunteer subscription plan, and the thought which should sink deep into the heart of every citizen is this:—Why should it be necessary for any patriot to solicit any other patriot for what every patriot knows to be his duty? This will be the slogan of the campaign, and if the temper of the meeting Tuesday can be taken as an indication, Van Buren county will Go Over the Top with a vengeance, and there will be no room in any community in this county for any slackers after this drive is over. It should be mentioned in this connection, that the Opera House was donated for the meeting Tuesday by that loyal and patriotic pioneer, G. W. Longwell Sr., and the services of the Lawton band boys were also contributed to the success of the cause.

Extracts from letter from Private Frank Mackey, 125th, Infantry "Somewhere in France" to his Aunt, Mrs. Anna Mackey. Frank is now recovering from a wound in a Base hospital in France.

I have received your second letter a short time after we arrived at this front. To-day I happen to get hold of some writing material, and thought I would answer your letter.

I'm in a hospital at present and getting along fine. I'm expecting to be with the company again by the end of this month.

Paul (Frank's brother) certainly hates to part with me, and I hate to part with him myself. When I was wounded, Paul came and carried me two miles to the nearest hospital, and I didn't know who was carrying me until we got out about a mile from the front. He had to take a rest for I was too heavy for his shoulder, and then I knew it was Paul. Paul said, I thought sure I was going to lose my brother when I saw you fall.

We have been pretty busy for the last few months and I was transferred back into my company. The weather has been fine for the last few weeks and have had very little rain. Well Auntie, I must close for it is getting very dark.

VAN BUREN COUNTY BATTALION WILL MEET AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Van Buren County Battalion, attention: All Civil War veterans and the W. R. C. and their families are requested to meet at the County Fair Grounds at Hartford, Michigan, October 3rd, 1918. Each family will bring a well filled basket for a picnic dinner. Tent, tables, chairs, cups, coffee and sugar will be furnished. Business meeting in tent at 1:30 P. M. Robert Payne, Col. Commanding. Charles R. Kleckler, Lt. Colonel. James Martin, Adjutant. W. A. Palmer, Quartermaster.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School ——— 10:30 A. M.
Morning Worship ——— 11:00 A. M.
Christian Endeavor ——— 6:30 P. M.
Mid-week prayer meeting and choir practice at 7:30 Thursday evening.
Sunday morning Rev. Brown will preach on "The River Jordan."
You are most cordially invited to come.

"Hearts of the World," a thirteen reel war production at the Idle Hour theatre Saturday and Sunday.